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DEATH OF MRS. J. M. RAYBURN.

Mrs. J. M. Rayburn, one of the earlier settlers in the Montezuma neighborhood, died at Newton Tuesday after a long illness. Her maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Shearer, and she was born in Westmoreland, Pa., July 30, 1847 and came to Iowa when but twelve years of age. In 1872 she and her husband, whom she married in Montezuma in 1868, moved to Lynnville where they remained until 1893 when they left there for Newton where Mr. Rayburn served for two terms as county auditor. From that time on they made Newton their home.

She was, until the time of her illness, an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church of which she was a member and a prominent leader in the Women's Relief corp.

Besides her two children, Mrs. J. S. Lambert and H. S. Rayburn, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sally Foster, of Shelby and a brother, L. A. Shearer, of Montezuma.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Dr. Charles B. Hankins, of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating.